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The Honorable Alan Olson, Chairman
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Dear Sir:

Representatives of the Town of Columbus will not be able to attend today's session regarding HB 330, but we do want you to be aware that we are in support of this legislation.

The Town of Columbus has had several presentations regarding wind power production. We currently spend about \$100,000 annual for energy costs for Town facilities. If we are successful in getting wind power here this would relieve the Town taxpayers and allow the Town Council to do other necessary infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.

We are still in the beginning stages of this process, but we have already advertised for Request For Proposals and the proposed legislation to allow Cities, Towns and Counties to own their own wind energy production facility is a vital step in a long process.

Without this legislation, we will not be able to proceed to the next step. Thank you for your time and support during an extremely busy time.

Sincerely,



Ronald D. Barndt, CMC
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